

TWO FRENCH OUTPOSTS.

ANXIETY IN CANADA ABOUT ST. PIERRE AND ANTI-COAST.

France's fortified port on the Newfoundland coast believed to have been supplied with munitions of war is in danger to Canada—The Purchase of Anticosti.

ST. JOHN'S, N. E. Dec. 20.—In the event of war between Great Britain and France there is little doubt that the North Atlantic would be the scene of fighting. France already possesses the command of the Atlantic coast of Canada, while the British authorities would take after the beginning of hostilities would be to dispatch a fleet to the North Atlantic coast of Canada, and the French military chiefs and the British Admiralty and the officials of the British Admiralty and the officials of the British Admiralty.

Questionably, the first step which the British authorities would take after the beginning of hostilities would be to dispatch a fleet to the North Atlantic coast of Canada, and the French military chiefs and the British Admiralty and the officials of the British Admiralty.

A further feeling of uneasiness has been caused by the fact that the French have been seen to be engaged in the construction of a large ship, which is believed to be a battleship, and which is believed to be a battleship.

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THE SUNFLOWER'S USE.

Ten Valuable Qualities Ascribed to It by an Advocate of Its Culture.

The sunflower, according to F. J. Macchale, who knows all about it, is a sort of natural tonic in parrot. Mr. Macchale has a list of ten products to be obtained from just common sunflowers. They are as follows:

1. Oil from the seed.
2. Sweet milk, this is the residue left from the seed after the oil is extracted. It could be used as a food for cattle. Also the heads and seeds, if chopped up together, can be used as ensilage.
3. The seed alone is an excellent food for poultry.
4. Yellow dye is made from the leaves.
5. The flower produces very fine honey and wax.
6. In England one of two farmers made nearly \$200 a year from honey alone.
7. The fibre from the stalks. By treating it like flax, the fibre can be obtained in large quantities. The Chinese use it to a great extent in their silk factories.
8. Potash from the stalks.
9. The stalks are used as fuel.
10. The leaves are made from the leaves.

The tenth item is not a product, but it refers to a well-known belief about the sunflower. Throughout the country the strip of back yard contiguous to the alley fence is planted with sunflowers. This is because the sunflower comes around. Sometimes the housewife pleads the chickens as an excuse and sometimes she bases her demand for sunflowers on aesthetic grounds. They make a fine screen to shut out the alley fence. But sometimes, in the absence of chickens entirely, she makes a clean breast of the thing and explains to the family that "people do put sunflowers back there."

She and the chickens have done what they could to encourage the cultivation of sunflowers, but their interest in the matter was narrow compared with Mr. Macchale's. The sunflower's cultivation is confined to the tenth item in the above list, and the chicken's interest in it is in the third item. Now the happy bird sunflower turns out to be not only of commercial value, but of several commercial values. In Russia the production of seed alone is estimated at about 300,000,000 bushels annually. This is a very large quantity, and the sunflower is a very important crop in Russia.

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A correspondence and visited each other for some time. In 1870 Tom came ashore and invested heavily in sheep island mines, losing more than \$50,000 in the venture. He went to his home in New York City, and he went to his home in New York City.

SUPPERS FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE.

A Punch Bowl Entertainment to Usher in the Infant Ninety-nine.

To be thoroughly up-to-date one must be old-fashioned. There is a rage for old furniture, old styles in portraits and jewelry, ivory miniatures, antique doorknobs in place of electric bells and candles in queer silver sticks, which are burned in smart drawing rooms, and so on.

And in this way the old custom of New Year entertaining is being revived again. The good old fashion of friendly greeting around a hospitable punch bowl which used to mark the dawn of another year gradually fell into disuse through its very popularity. The day which had been celebrated by gorgeous toilets, jewels and the thoroughly pleasant custom of seeing one's friends sank to the deadliest commonplace and was finally relegated to the east side exclusively, where young ladies issued cards with colored chromes on the corners, bearing their several names and addresses printed in bold type, and received whole clubs in bunches, the members travelling from house to house in hired funeral coaches and reaching a stage of jocular ebriety toward the late hours of the day that often needed police interference.

For years there has been a growing ignoring of New Year's day in town. People have fled to country houses and golfed and skated and hunted the young year into existence. For a time many of the old families with whom the custom of New Year's receiving had become almost a ritual ring card baskets on the doorbell, so that any stray caller might be able to find a reminder of the fact that he had been invited to the New Year's party.

It is a Bunker wrote one of his prettiest poems on the subject of the New Year's party. The poem is a poem about the New Year's party. The poem is a poem about the New Year's party.

After this is over the table will be removed and the music will be played. The music will be played. The music will be played.

OHIO MEN IN CONGRESS.

The Record of Previous Years May Be Broken in the Next National Legislature.

Although the State of Ohio has exactly one-fifth of the total membership of the United States Senate, its natives have one-ninth of the total representation therein, or ten of the ninety members of the Fifty-fifth Senate, a larger number than has any other State. There are thirty-one Ohio men in the Senate: Foraker, Hanna, Fairbank, and Allison. Senator Fairbank was born in Highland county, Senator Hanna in Columbiana county, Senator Baker in Kansas in Wood county, Senator Carter of Montana in Selkirk county in the town of Selkirk, Montana, and Senator Fairbank in Ohio, Senator Ely of West Virginia in Perry county, Senator Fairbank of Indiana in Union county, Senator Allison of Iowa in Perry county, and Senator Fairbank of Indiana in Union county.

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